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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application
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The amendment filed in Paper No. 12 on May 27, 2003, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The "amended" paragraphs at page 2, lines 3-13, page 2, line 15, to page 3, line 2, and page 3, lines 4-8, of Paper No. 12, have not been entered because of applicants' conflicting request to cancel the previously filed paragraphs. Furthermore, the "amended" paragraph at page 2, lines 3-13, does not appear to represent any paragraph currently being prosecuted. That "amended" paragraph appears to be an attempt to amend the originally filed paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, of the specification. However, the originally filed paragraph was replaced with a paragraph filed in Paper No. 10 on Dec. 12, 2002. It is not clear whether the previously filed paragraphs are to be canceled or to be substituted with the "amended" paragraphs.

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Specifically, applicants, in Paper No. 12, page 2, lines 2 and 14, and page 3, line 3, first request the cancellation of paragraphs at page 5, line 19, to page 6, line 4, page 11, lines 13-25, and page 22, lines 4-8, of the specification. Then, applicants present "amended" paragraphs, possibly attempting to amend the previously filed paragraphs at page 5, line 19, to page 6, line 4, page 11, lines 13-25, and page 22, lines 4-8, of the specification. However, applicants do not state what paragraphs in the specification are to be amended. The presentation of amended paragraphs is contrary to applicants' first request to cancel the paragraphs.

In response to this communication, applicants are required to state clearly what paragraphs currently being prosecuted are to be canceled and what paragraphs are to be amended.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicants are given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (703) 308-3625. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

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